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In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0344.P1/WBP, the fee of \$ 1,450.00 for 29 additional claims, and for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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